

**Minutes of the Criminal Justice Collaborating Council
Alcohol Treatment Court Subcommittee**

Wednesday, January 7, 2009

The meeting came to order at 11:25 a.m.

Present: Lee Dreyfus, Mike DeMares, Ray Cunneen, Diane Kelsner, Kathy Madden, Karl Held, Jean LaTour, Lindsay Desormier, Kathy Foster, and Brad Schimel. **Absent:** Sam Benedict, Dan Fay, Kristy Gusse, Eric Raskopf, and Meg Schnabl.

Also Present: Rebecca Luczaj, Clara Daniels, Katy Adelmeyer, Sara Carpenter, and Melissa Emberts. Recorded by Mary Pedersen, County Board Office.

ATC Program Update – Katy Adelmeyer/WCS

Adelmeyer advised of the following statistics for the Alcohol Treatment Court Program: 75 participants YTD, 126 participants PTD, the current caseload is 55, and there have been four new participants. A total of 14 participants are in Phase 1, 10 are in Phase 2, 15 are in Phase 3, and 16 are in Phase 4. One application is under review and four have been accepted. There was one voluntary discharge from the program. Regarding program discharges, four have re-offended, there have been nine voluntary discharges, and there have been four team decision discharges. There were no graduations in December.

ATC Enhancement Grant Application Overview – Rebecca Luczaj

Luczaj discussed this issue as outlined in her handout and said if we do receive this grant totaling \$200,000 over a two-year period, it will start September 1, 2009. It does involve a match requirement. There were five award categories for which you could apply for. The County will apply for funding in two categories: funds for additional services to participants and also to extend our evaluation. Luczaj said the decision was made after our visit with Matt Hiller in November who recommended we focus on increasing our use of SCRAM in the ATC. The grant was written indicating our intent to increase SCRAM to the full 60 days in Phase 1 of the program. Hiller will then compare participants on 15 days of SCRAM versus those on 60 days of SCRAM including violations and severity of violations while in the program, graduation statistics, and recidivism after graduation. Luczaj said the offender will pay for the first 15 days, which is current procedure, and the grant will pick up the second 45 days of SCRAM.

LaTour said the Public Defender's Office was strongly opposed to the 60-day SCRAM rule under Phase 1. The main objection is the requirement that all of the participants would be required to serve 60 days on SCRAM without consideration to pre-conviction treatment, length of sobriety, and without discretion by the team to modify the 60 day length. La Tour explained that 60 days on SCRAM will not encourage long-term sobriety. Individuals will not sign up for this program and that will be the end of the program.

Foster arrived at 12:43 p.m.

Schimel arrived at 12:50 p.m.

The above issue was discussed and debated at length with Foster concurring with LaTour. Luczaj said she could still make changes to the grant application based on the committee's wishes. A consensus of the committee agreed to change the application's language to reflect that SCRAM and the number of days on SCRAM will be applied on a case-by case basis, with a presumption of 60 days. LaTour said, in addition, comparing the percentage of clients on 60 days of SCRAM versus 30 days of SCRAM, for example, will provide additional statistics important for program evaluation. Kelsner noted it is important that, administratively, she and her staff be informed of any new program changes so they are prepared. Foster said this change would amend the handbook as well as it pertains to Phase 1. The committee agreed to delay voting on the handbook change until we know if the grant has been awarded.

MOTION: LaTour moved, second by Foster that the grant application request reflect that every participant would be presumed to do the first 60 days of the program on SCRAM as opposed to the current 15 days as an enhancement of the program. Motion carried unanimously.

Dreyfus left the meeting at 1:24 p.m.

Review and Discussion of WCS' Two Proposed Changes to ATC Program – Sara Carpenter
Carpenter discussed this issue as outlined in her handout and said this pertains to program participants in Phase 1 who must attend two self-help meetings each week. WCS is proposing that the 90 contacts does not necessarily mean 90 meetings in 90 days but could include contacts with the case managers, courts, treatment such as AA, or anything else they were doing to maintain their sobriety.

Vote on Proposed Changes

No votes were taken.

Approval of Minutes of 11/5/08

MOTION: LaTour moved, second by Kelsner to approve the minutes of November 5. Motion carried unanimously.

Schedule Next Meeting Date

February 11, 2009 at 12:15 p.m.

LaTour left the meeting at 1:32 p.m.

WATCP & NADCP Conference Attendance – Rebecca Luczaj

Luczaj said the two-day February conference will cost \$150 for each registrant. Luczaj advised she had registration forms for anyone interested. The national conference will be held June 10-13. She said Schuler had advised her that we could send one or two people at the most. Foster said if anyone was interested in attending the national conference they should let Luczaj know by February 1. LaTour said she was interested in attending but was not positive she would be able to go.

The meeting adjourned at 1:35.